(ख) लमडिंग, अलीपुर द्वार, गुंतकल, विजयवाडा, जबलपुर, दानापुर और झांसी मंडलों में सहायक प्रोग्रामर के एक से अधिक पद हैं ।

(ग) केवल कुछ मंडलों में सहायक प्रोग्रामर और कंसोल आपरेटर के पद रिक्त पड़े हैं, कंप्यूटर सेंटर के लिए अलग संवर्ग बनाने की वांछनीयता का प्रश्न मुख्य कारण है जिसकी वजह से सहायक प्रोग्रामरों के पदों को नहीं भरा जा रहा है । पदोन्नति, स्थानान्तरण, प्रकरण की प्रक्रिया आदि जैसे नेमी कारणों से कंसोल आपरेटरों के पद रिक्त पड़े हैं ।

Wagons for fast unloading of coal at Kolaghat

2505. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal Government has asked for 500 special types of wagons (BOBR) for fast unloading of coal at Kolaghat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Minister-in-Charge of Department of Power and Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Science and Technology, Government of West Bengal vide his letter dated 2-4-92 had requested for supply of coal to units IV, V and VI of Kolaghat Thermal Power Station in BOBR wagons. The Power Station has not provided necessary infrastructure to handle BOBR wagons. However, Railways have made a beginning by deploying 127 BOBR wagons for loading coal to Kolaghat Thermal Power Station.

Under utilisation of rail link between Howrah and Haldia

2506. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for gross under utilisation of rail link between Howrah and Haldia as revealed by an appraisal of the existing transport network of the area;

(b) whether Government have any plan for proper utilisation of the existing facilities of the area;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The rail link between Howrah and Haldia is not under utilised. The extent of utilisation is adequate.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in Passenger and Goods Traffic at Haldia

2507. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Haldia has emerged as a Major centre for industrial and commercial activities in the eastern region and considerable increase in passenger and goods traffic;

(b) if so, whether railways propose to utilise the boom through increased railway service; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Over the years, the freight traffic activity at Haldia Port has gradually increased. The main commodities carried on this section are coal for thermal power stations and industries in Southern India, imported coal for steel plants, imported fertilisers etc. and the petroleum products. Adequate number of freight trains are run on this section to move the traffic from and to Haldia Port. There is, however, no noticeable increase in passenger traffic.

Conversion of Latur-Miraj Line

2508. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the

reply to Unstarred Question 709 given in Rajya Sabha on the 15th July, 1992 and state :

(a) the approximate period by which the work regarding the conversion of the Latur-Miraj narrow-gauge line in Maharashtra into broad-gauge is expected to start and the amount involved for the same; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to consider to take up this work at the earliest and the probable period when it will be taken up and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The work is included in the action plan for gauge conversion and will be taken up in the coming years, subject to availability of resources. The cost will be about Rs. 200 crores at current prices.

Construction of an Overbridge on Solapur-Bijapur Road in Maharashtra

2509. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to construct an overbridge at KM 3.300 on Solapur-Bijapur Road in Maharashtra and at Kambar Talao on KM 2.700 on National Highway No. 13 in order to serve the public of that area efficiently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which the work is progressing; and

(c) the expected time of completion of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Proposal of State Government for widening the existing road overbridge at Kambar Talab on Solapur-Bijapur National Highway No. 13 has been approved. Presently, there is no other proposal for road overbridge on this Highway at Solapur.

(c) The work is likely to take 3 to 4 years for completion after the State Government completes all the formalities

New Railway lines between Solapur and Malkapur in Maharashtra

2510. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering sanction of a new railway line between Solapur and Malkapur in Maharashtra keeping in view the growing population and the need for such line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which the work is progressing; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Introduction of Express Train between Solapur and Bombay

2511. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal of introducing another Express train between Solapur and Bombay, as over-night express train, in order to facilitate the easy transport of passengers as well as goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the train service is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.